

Graduation Exercises
Indiana State School for the Deaf



1947

School Auditorium

Thursday, June 5, At Ten-thirty A. M.

Graduating Class of 1947

Class Motto
 "Think"

Class Colors
 Kelly Green and White

Class Flower
 Gardenia

Class Roll

MIRIAM LORRAINE AKERS	Wabash
ROSEMARY BAUGHMAN	Portland
WANDA HELEN BUREK	LaPorte
SHIRLEY JEAN EWERS	Indianapolis
WILMA ANN EWING	Kokomo
JACQUELINE ANN FISHER	Peru
JEROME WARREN FREEMAN	Indianapolis
CHARLES WILLIAM GRAY	Indianapolis
VIRGINIA MARGARET GRENDA	Hammond
WANETA DARLENE GRIFFIN	Indianapolis
WILLIAM JUDD JOHNSON	Indianapolis
FRANK VICTOR KAISER	South Bend
VIRGINIA MARGARITE KEY	Indianapolis
VELMA ALICE LANDIS	Bluffton
ERNIE LANKO	South Bend
ELMER FRANCIS LEPPERT	Indianapolis
JAMES RALPH LUKENS, JR.	Anderson
MARY JESUS MEDINA	East Chicago
MARTIN HOYT MILLER	Petersburg
JIMMIE GENE McCABE	Jamestown
RAY D. NELSON	Indianapolis
WILLIAM PAUL OREBAUGH, JR.	Indianapolis
CAROLINE LEOTA PHILLIPS	Crown Point
ELEANOR JANE ROBSON	Corydon
DONALD EUGENE RYAN	Anderson
GEORGE SABAU	East Chicago
RHEBA LAVON SISK	Indianapolis
MILLARD WILLIAM SPROUSE	LaPorte
JACK RAYMOND TUCKER	Indianapolis
WILLIAM RAY TAPP	Indianapolis
JERRY MICHAEL TEZAK	Gary
GALE FREEMAN WALKER	Montpelier
PHYLLIS JEAN WALLS	Bloomfield
DONALD WAYNE WALTERS	Indianapolis
DOROTHY EVELYN WARE	Indianapolis
CATHERINE JOAN WILLIAMS	Anderson

Commencement Program

Prelude—*Largo* ----- DVORAK
 Processional—*Pilgrims' Chorus* ----- LANGE
Student Marshalls—ROBERT PICKRELL AND ROBERT SORTWELL
 Invocation ----- FATHER BUHMEIER
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
 Salutatory ----- WAYNE WALTERS
Spoken by RALPH LUKENS
 Greetings from the Board of Trustees ----- O. H. KELLER
 Valedictory ----- JEROME FREEMAN
Interpreted by RAY NELSON
 Annual Award of the Anna Krueger Schmidt Medal for Citizenship
Presented by MRS. KURT W. SCHMIDT
 Kiwanis Scholarship Medals ----- *Presented by* JACKSON A. RANEY
 Address ----- HONORABLE RALPH F. GATES
Governor of Indiana
 Class Song: *Our Commencement Day (Air: Sweet and Low)*
Signed by GRADUATES
Sung by SYLVIA BELL, JANET HARESTAD, AND ALICE BARKES
 Presentation of Diplomas ----- JACKSON A. RANEY, *Supt.*
Assisted by DONNA CARPENTER AND KAREN DOWNWARD
 Benediction ----- FATHER BUHMEIER
St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
 Postlude—*Reverie* ----- BROWN

The graduates will receive friends in the gymnasium
 at the conclusion of this program



RALPH F. GATES
Governor of Indiana

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Valedictory

We read in the book of Proverbs in the Bible—"For as he *thinketh* in his heart, so is he."

A noted French author once wrote—"I *think*, therefore I *am*."

The graduating class of 1947 has selected for its motto the one word "*Think*." We realize that what we, in our innermost selves are, depends upon our *thinking*. In the twelve years that we have been here in school, there has been an effort to direct our thinking in ways that lead to right living; to unselfishness, so we think of others with understanding and tolerance. I believe we have learned the value of appreciation, for we've had much for which to be grateful.

In fact, so much, that we regret that the time has come for us to leave.

Those who are to follow us will be greatly benefited by improvements which they will enjoy. We read in a recent issue of our school paper that the governor and the legislature of 1945 and 1947 had provided for many things to be done to make our school safer, more comfortable and more highly efficient.

How wonderful this will be and how much it will mean to those benefited!

We have seen forty-six of our graduates go to college within the past eleven years, and some of *us are* going. With better provisions made by our recent assembly to furnish improved equipment, who can estimate what *can* and *will* be done here?

We are proud of our school and grateful to everyone connected with it.

In conclusion, will you carry with us, those five emphatic words—"I *think*, therefore I *am*?"—JEROME FREEMAN.

Salutatory

It is certainly an honor to welcome our esteemed Governor, Ralph F. Gates with us, the thirty-six graduates of 1947 from the Indiana State School for th Deaf. We are impressed with his interest in attending our Commencement exercises and in giving his address. We realize the many demands upon his time, so it makes us very grateful that he is with us today.

To each of you who has contributed to making this occasion possible and made the effort to share it with us, we thank you. We welcome you most cordially, for you deserve to see the results of what you have helped to build up. Through your careful guidance, we have formed habits which should help us to become better citizens.

Our graduating ceremony is one of the most important experiences, so far, in our lives. We are happy to be going out into the world, but sad to be leaving our school and many friends here. We shall enjoy looking back over the various incidents throughout our school life.

As we welcome you this morning, it is with feelings of sincere thanks for the help given to each one of us, with feelings of regret at leaving, and with anticipation as to what is ahead.

—WAYNE WALTERS.